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WARSAW RUMORS

- I. US Embassy Warsaw relays first rumors regarding Orbit Warsaw Conference, picked up by Western diplomats there.
 - A. Rumors claim that Zhukov will head Orbit Joint Command.
 - B. Kokossovski rumored to get regional command in North (Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia).
 - C. Konev to get regional command in South (Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Albania).

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KONEV, I. S. Marshal SH
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Present position: Deputy Defense Minister; full member, Party Central Committee (since 1946).

Age 58; joined Communist Party 1917; active in party very early; he and wife joined partisans in early 20's; named in doctors' plot Jan. 1953; Chairman of court convicting Beria; lately prominent as military spokesman, praising Khrushchev. During last war, commanded various fronts in reconquest of Ukraine and drive to Berlin (including II and I Ukraine Front); participated in Berlin and Prague capture. Commander, Central Group of Forces, Austria-Hungary and member, ACC, Austria, (45-46); Commander in Chief, Ground Forces, 1946-1950 (replaced Zhukov); Inspector General of armed forces (replaced Govorov) 1950-52; Commander, Carpathian MD (1952-55). Between 1946-51 made various inspection tours of satellites.

Nicknamed "Butcher" by Germans.

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ROKOSSEVSKI, K. K. Marshal SU

Present positions: Minister of National Defense, Poland (since Nov. 1949);
C in C Polish Army; member, Central Committee and Politburo of Polish Communist
Party (PZPR).

Age 59; officer in Imperial Army; joined Communist Party 1918; purged, imprisoned
in 1937; recalled in 1940; important role in Moscow and Stalingrad defense;
Commander, I Belorussian Front which drove into Central Poland; Commander II
Belorussian Front (which occupied E. Prussia); Commander, Northern Group of
Forces, Poland (1945-49).

Described as capable, efficient, great tactical ability; in drive into Poland,

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